

RE: CONFIDENTIAL - Tow Truck requirement Update 4 (Final) - 4:10 pm Feb 9

From: Peter Lemieux <peter.lemieux@gov.ab.ca>
To: Marlin Degrand <marlin.degrand@gov.ab.ca>
Date: Thu, 10 Feb 2022 10:12:13 -0700

Morning Marlin,

Not sure if this is a possible consideration, but there is a website called Commercial Truck Trader (www.commercialtrucktrader.com) that currently has 646 Wrecker tow trucks listed for sale, throughout the USA.

Peter

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Just for the awareness of all, we would like to keep this quite tight, and it will probably be just myself that makes any phone calls on this.

Marlin

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Sir,

I can discretely find out about this. There was one company that we approached that was open to selling.

We will discuss and get back to you.

Peter

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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From: Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>
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John, Peter T,

Further to my conversation yesterday we have been working the lines to try to help find more heavy equipment options for you. While not completely done, the update below summarizes what we have been able to get assurances of support for your operations on.

I hope this is helpful. We are going to also try another discrete approach tomorrow and may need your advice on whom to approach in the industry. For these eyes only, we would like to approach select companies who might be open to it about the prospect of purchasing their equipment from them. We would be interested in your thoughts on which companies you think might be open to such an approach.

Thanks,

Marlin

From: Peter Lemieux <peter.lemieux@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 5:04 p.m.
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I have not shared yet, but feel free. I will update accordingly when I get final responses for Montana, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge

From: Marlin Degrand <Marlin.Degrand@gov.ab.ca>
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Has this equipment availability be relayed to the RCMP yet? If not I can flip it to their DEOC address and to John.

Thanks

Marlin

From: Dennis Cooley <Dennis.Cooley@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 4:55 p.m.
To: Marlin Degrand; Catherine Williams
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Marlin ... According to Catherine's report (below) in addition to the City of Edmonton heavy wrecker, we now have a line on two additional tow trucks, 2 stiff cranes, plus some additional equipment. The two tow trucks are not suitable for moving large rigs but can be used for light trucks and cars. Has the RCMP been notified that they may have access to this equipment?

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Dennis- see attached list with Updates.

Newly available resourcing in red:

Ray,

As of 4:30 today, the summary of resources available to the GoA for heavy lift/tow truck equipment includes:

- One flatbed trailer
- City of Edmonton: 1 tow truck (not yet deployed to the South)
- 9 sheriffs who have a Class 1 license and can operate a Tractor Trailer for the purposes of moving the same
- Information from Montana remains forthcoming
- New resources available from the RCMP list of tow truck companies:
 - From two independent Edmonton companies:
 - A two ton wrecker can be provided (for cars and light vehicles)
 - A one-ton wrecker for small cars – but no participation from company drivers
 - From City of Edmonton:
 - One heavy wrecker with a driver available (RCMP contact)
 - From City of Calgary
 - 3 wheel loaders and 2 stiff cranes.

Further information on the avenues that have been explored across ministries is as follows:

- A working group with members from Transportation, JSG, MA, has been assembled to work on this issue.
- The working group currently has the list of the truck companies that were contacted by the RCMP and are working to re-engage these companies.
 - All 50 vendors have been contacted so far. One company is willing to provide a flatbed.
 - Additional resourcing as of 4:30 today includes:
 - A two ton wrecker, a one ton wrecker, a heavy wrecker, 3 wheel loaders and 2 stiff cranes.
- The group is also investigating whether locksmiths can enter locked vehicles and produce ignition keys.
 - This approach appears possible but not feasible as it will require a full vehicle description and VIN number for each vehicle and then engaging dealerships to cut new keys, which is difficult given the geography.
- The working group has determined there are no tow trucks available for lease or purchase; there is a two year waiting list for these resources from the manufacturers.
- Other partners are being contacted for potential equipment including municipalities, industrial companies, airport authorities, etc.

AEMA

- AEMA does not maintain an inventory list of equipment that can move heavy equipment.
- Currently exploring resourcing out of Montana; awaiting further information at this time.

City of Calgary

- Currently exploring their ability to offer support as their services are also contracted.
- Available equipment from the city includes:
 - 7 large loaders;
 - 10 mid-sized loaders;
 - 2 cranes.
- Update: When this was discussed with their contractor, they made it clear they would not offer assistance.

City of Edmonton

- Edmonton International Airport does not have appropriate vehicles that could be made available.
- The city has offered one tow truck (decals removed) to assist.
- The RCMP advises they feel one tow truck will provide minimal value to the situation and may in fact inflame the protestors.
 - With last night's announcement, protestors attitudes, positions and decisions appear to be changing rapidly.
 - As a result, the tow truck has not yet been deployed to the south but may be as the situation evolves.

JSG

- 9 sheriffs members have been identified who have a Class 1 license and can operate a Tractor Trailer for the purposes of moving the same.

TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Maintenance Contractors have been contacted and do not have tow equipment or equipment large enough to move semis.
 - Graders or snowplows could be employed but modifications would likely be required to the equipment first.
- The situation is the same in Saskatchewan and British Columbia; they do not own tow trucks.

ENERGY

- Oil Sands resourcing has been explored to assist.
- Most of their heavy equipment resources are also contracted and not owned by the oil companies and are unwilling or unable to assist.

We will continue to work explore what options might be available to assist the RCMP.

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Good afternoon all,

This will be our last update. Thank you everyone for the tremendous support you provided today! We couldn't have pulled this off without you.

Marlin -- we will have a report to you in short order.

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Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - Tow Truck requirement

Good afternoon,

We have been tasked to identify heavy-lift / tow truck resources who will commit and assist RCMP in the event vehicles, tractors or equipment need to be removed from any of the blockade locations. RCMP have generated a list of potential vendors (attached), however, most seem unwilling or unable to assist at this time. Our job is to revisit the list and convince them otherwise. This will also be a great opportunity to brainstorm and determine what innovating strategies we can finalize by close-of-business tomorrow (Wed Feb 9). I have put together a bit of task list below just to make sure I captured some of the ideas floating around. Obviously, this will be tweaked as we move forward and I welcome all thoughts, comments and ideas.

- Identify suitable callers to work the list

COMPLETE - Joseph & Diane Stewart completed the entire list (see attached). Unfortunately, the needle did not move much

COMPLETE - Tanja Pavelic's team is currently compiling a list of locksmiths that can enter lock vehicle and produce ignition keys. Tanja will have this list completed NLT 14:00 hrs.

- The locksmith approach may not meet our requirements (but is still being researched). It seems what is required to make this work is to capture full vehicle details (make, model, year, VIN), then proceed to the appropriate dealership to have keys made. The geography we are working in is not conducive for this.

Some locksmith (Licenced Autolock Bypass experts) may still be required to unlock vehicles -- list of willing participants is forthcoming

- **COMPLETED:** Consult with AEMA and ascertain if they maintain a current inventory of equipment that could be utilized to move heavy vehicles / trailers apparatus. We will need names and contact info to add the attached list.
 - AEMA does not maintain an inventory list

From Amanda -- AEMA Confirmed:

If a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) or provincial State of Emergency (SOE) were declared, the province could:

- acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster

- authorize or require or make an order to authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type the person is qualified to provide

Although this has already been considered, it is NOT an option at this time

- Reach into Government of Montana and explore what resources they may have available.

Currently in progress by AEMA. Awaiting results....

- **COMPLETED:** Determine if Sheriff, EPS or CPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units have any existing heavy lift tow trucks on contracts/agreements in place.

No vendors can assist

- **COMPLETED:** List qualifications/certification required to operate heavy lift / towing vehicles. Also identify potential GoA personnel who are already qualified to do this work.

- Rob provided a list of 9 sheriffs members who have their Class 1 licence and are willing to assist if called upon

- **COMPLETED:** Have Procurement Services on stand by.

JSG Procurement no longer required. AEMA can provide emergency financial support if required.

- **COMPLETED:** Identify companies / organizations willing to lease, sell or lend equipment to the GoA.

- From Rob. RCMP already went down this route. There are no tow trucks available for lease or purchase and there is a two year waiting list to order new one from manufacture.

- Reach out to other potential equipment providers (ATCO, EPCOR Airport Authorities, City of Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat)

- CP Rail does not have any equipment to suite our needs .

Edmonton Airport do not have any equipment they can spare. We are still awaiting to hear back from the city of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat (AEMA).

Peter

 Justice and
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